

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:: Al H. Marquez
Application No. 10/792,134 Art Unit.: 3653
Filed: 03/02/2004 Examiner: David H. Bollinger
For: "Automated Condiment Dispensing System"

Docket No.: HSN-001

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. **STATUS:** Applicant is a small entity.
3. **EXTENSION OF TERM:** A Petition And Fee For Extension Of Time (37.C.F.R. 1.136(a)) is filed herewith.
4. **FEE FOR CLAIMS:** The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated below:

	(Col.1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee
Total	24	Minus	25	= -0-	x \$25 =	\$-0-
Indep.	4	Minus	3	= 1	x \$100 =	\$100
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$180 =	\$0
Total					Addtn'l. Fee	\$100

5. **FEE PAYMENT and DEFICIENCY:** Please charge Deposit Acct. 50-0574 the amount of \$60 for a one-month extension of time and \$100 for additional claims. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, also charge Account No. 50-0574.

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Assignee: Expense Management, Inc.

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments:

Claims 1-19 are pending in the present application. Claims 20-23 are withdrawn due to a restriction requirement. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patents 4,899,906 (Bella), 5,651,476 (Percy), 3,737,071 (Offutt), 6,758,370 (Cooke), or U.S. Publication 2003/0183645 (Shin). Claim 9-11 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shin. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Offatt. Claims 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Percy. Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 3,179,289 (Moyer). Claims 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being rendered obvious by Shin in view of Offatt. Claims 2-8 are objected to as being dependent on a

rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1 is cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection of that claim moot. Claims 2, 9, 12, 13, and 15 are amended herein.